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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

Dryer et al.

**Serial No.:** 09/257,208

**Group Art Unit:** 2174

**Filed:** February 25, 1999

**Examiner:** Sax, S.

**For:** METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REAL-TIME DETERMINATION OF A  
SUBJECTS INTEREST LEVEL TO MEDIA CONTENT

Honorable Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

**Technology Center 2100**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 12, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

**Please amend the claims as follows:**

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- 1 (Amended) A system for unobtrusively detecting a subject's level of interest in media  
content, comprising:  
means for detecting, in real time, an object of said subject's attention;  
means for measuring a subject's relative arousal level; and  
means for combining information regarding said subject's arousal level and attention to  
infer a level of interest.